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SUBJECT: VICE MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE AT PRC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. WEST GERMAN EMBASSY RECENTLY REQUESTED MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, WAS ADVISED THAT CHIAO WAS "BUSY," AND WAS GIVEN APPOINTMENT INSTEAD WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG.

2. WHEN GERMANS ASKED DISCREETLY WHY HAN, RESPONSIBLE FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS DURING THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTING FOR CHIAO, THEY WERE ADVISED THAT HAN NIEN-LUNG WOULD IN FUTURE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. IN KEEPING WITH THIS NEW ASSIGNMENT, HAN TURNED OUT  
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AT AN AIRPORT SENDOFF OF A GERMAN BALLET TROUPE. VICE

FOREIGN MINISTER MA WEN-PO, ALSO PRESENT FOR THE SENDOFF, WAS DESCRIBED TO THE GERMANS AS RESPONSIBLE FOR "ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS" WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. COMMENT: FOR THE MOMENT, HAN NIEN-LUNG SEEMS TO BE SHARING THE WESTERN EUROPEAN PORTFOLIO WITH VICE MINISTER YU CHAN, WHO HAS MET RECENTLY WITH PRESS AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DELEGATIONS FROM FRANCE, FINLAND, AND AUSTRIA. BOTH TURNED OUT FOR THE NOVEMBER 29 ALBANIAN EMBASSY RECEPTION MARKING THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF ALBANIA'S "LIBERATION." WHETHER THE REPORTED RESHUFFLE IS RELATED TO THE ALLEGED TROUBLES OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA OR IS MERELY A ROUTINE ROTATION OF FUNCTIONS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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